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1. One of the leading employees of the ETA G.m.b.H., a former subsidiary of the Askania-Werke, who visited the Askania-Werke in the beginning of January, disclosed that the ETA G.m.b.H. is now working partly for the Red Army. The ETA G.m.b.H. wishes to acquire construction drawings and technical information in the specialized field of the Askania-Werke, and intends to manufacture the material in question for the domestic market, as well as for export to the East and the Balkan countries. The ETA hopes to be able to supplant American firms which are at present supplying Prague and the Balkans.
2. The ETA representative was unable to travel in his official capacity, since the Russian authorities are not issuing travel papers to people occupying leading positions; he crossed the border under the designation of a driver.

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